

shape. He was a proud Republican who ran three times for his party's nomination for the Presidency. But I believe that Bob Dole will be remembered most fondly for his ability to find common ground.

I believe he said it best himself. He said:

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I will read that again. This is worth repeating.

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He was right. We can accomplish far more when we work together as one Nation rather than as Members of different political parties.

Bob himself said his proudest political accomplishments were passing the bipartisan Americans with Disabilities Act and working to find a principled compromise to save Social Security—a compromise that I was privileged to support as a newly elected freshman in the House of Representatives in 1983.

I believe Bob Dole embodied the admonition of Matthew 25 to care for the “least of these” among us. He worked alongside the South Dakota Senator George McGovern, a liberal Democrat, who also ran for President, to improve the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as the Federal Food Stamp Program, to ensure that struggling families could feed themselves and their children.

Bob Dole took Matthew 25—and Matthew 25 goes something like this: “For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat”—and he turned it into the law that, to this day, helps lift Americans out of poverty and on to longer, healthier lives because, ultimately, Bob followed his moral compass, even when it wasn't politically convenient. He wasn't afraid to buck his party when he felt doing so was the right thing to do.

He was a fiscal conservative, but he supported tax reforms to raise revenue. He also supported—get this. He also supported the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965—landmark civil rights bills that sought to eliminate racial discrimination from our laws and sought to ensure equal access to the ballot box for all Americans.

These accomplishments required hard-fought—hard-fought—negotiations and courageous votes. But Bob Dole never let that interfere with his commitment to doing what was right and, I might add, an incredible sense of humor.

When Bob's wonderful wife—our former colleague here in the Senate, Elizabeth Dole—was in front of the Senate Labor Committee in 1989, having been nominated by then-President George Herbert Walker Bush, Bob accompanied her to her confirmation hearing and introduced her there as many of us introduce our own constituents when they are nominated for a

particular position by a President. One of the things that he said, as he sat there next to his wife Elizabeth, he quipped—and he was great for quips—to his colleagues: “I regret that I have but one wife to give for my country.”

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And following his defeat in the 1988 Republican Presidential primary, he opened his remarks by saying: Not only do “I regret that I have but one wife to give to my country,” he wanted to add: “If I had this much coverage in [my] primary, I would be writing my inaugural address.” He then continued to say:

I once dreamed of making a name for myself in Washington, but I never thought it would be as the husband of the Secretary of Labor, but I'll take what comes these days.

The truth is, as much as Bob Dole probably learned while serving here in the Senate, the Senate could learn a lot more from the life and example of Bob Dole. And we could use more Bob Doles in this body today, on both sides of the aisle.

While Bob Dole was a serious man, he didn't take himself too seriously. He didn't care for politicians who divided us just for the sake of division. He also didn't care for big egos of folks who wanted to do something just so they could take credit for it.

He believed the words of Abraham Lincoln, one of his personal heroes, that ours is a “government of the people, by the people, [and] for the people.” That is why he fought and nearly gave his life in defense of our Nation and our democracy. That is why he continued to serve our Nation also, always striving to improve the lives of Kansas and all of us.

We owe it to Senator Dole, to my Uncle Bob, and to the entire “greatest generation” who fought and made the ultimate sacrifice for us to live in a free and democratic country, to uphold the ideals of our democracy, and to work together to create a brighter, better tomorrow for our children and our grandchildren.

So as we mourn the passing of Bob Dole, I would challenge all of us to prioritize principles over party and humanity over personal legacy. We can all work better together to address the challenges of today and confront the challenges of tomorrow.

(Mr. HEINRICH assumed the Chair.)

Mr. President, some of us may recall the famous film, “The Wizard of Oz.” It took place in Bob Dole's proud home State of Kansas. Throughout the film, Dorothy is reminded that “there is no place like home, no place like home.” Well, Senator Dole entered these Halls one last time last week to lie in state in the Capitol Rotunda, just down the hall over my right shoulder. And I, like many of our colleagues, had the chance to pay our respects to a man of integrity, passion, and wit.

Now, it is time to send Bob home back to Russell, KS, as we have, one last time because there is truly no place like home.

As the Presiding Officer knows, I like to—if we are not in session when somebody has a birthday, one of my colleagues has a birthday, I call them. I track them down or send them a text message. And I have done that with Elizabeth Dole, who served in this Chamber with us in more recent years, and I still call her on her birthday.

And her birthday is July 29. I called her on July 29 this year to wish her a happy birthday and to see how she and Bob were doing. I got to talk with him as well as with her, and they both said to me—they said, “Why don't you and Martha”—my wife Martha—“come down here sometime when we have some free time and you do as well, and we will just go out for dinner together.”

Sadly, we never got to do that. But we are going to take a raincheck. And I promise you, if you are listening out there, Bob, we plan to take full advantage of that raincheck and come and see you, with Elizabeth.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alabama.

KENTUCKY

Mr. TUBERVILLE. Mr. President, I would like to add on to what the other Senators have said. We want to give our blessings and prayers to the people in the southern part of the country after all the tornadoes.

I grew up in Arkansas and now live in Alabama, and there hasn't been a year gone by that we didn't have devastated communities, towns, cities across the South. It seems like it is an every-year occurrence. There has been many people lost, many people injured.

The TV trucks and newscasters will leave in the next couple of days, leaving the destruction behind for the people of these cities and towns to rebuild, and it is a tough time. It is going to be a tough time all around, not just for a few days but for years. And our prayers go out to them and all the families that have to go through one of the toughest times of their life.

BUILD BACK BETTER ACT

Mr. President, on the list of people that my Democratic colleagues are claiming to help on this Build Back Better Act, there is a huge blank.

I worked in education all my life. What is missing from this list is American families, American families all over this country. For example, the childcare program in this tax-and-spend spree is really about only helping certain families. And that is fine—certain families—but we should help all families.

But my colleagues want to help the ones that are structured toward the Democrats that they deem favorable, and that is not the American way. If you are in a two-parent, working household, my colleagues' plan would cost Mom and Dad thousands more each year to pay for their child's care. Think about that: thousands more. And this means tax many and give to a few. Well, that is not what we do here.